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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) The answer is in the negative. (The Poor Homes Society has been authorized to run a Rescue Home only. There is no Vigilance Home under the Society.)

" (c) The answer is in the negative."

Hostels bearing caste names

* 1277 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued instructions to the effect, that the hostels, which are maintained or subsidized by Government should change their names, if they denote any caste; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No Sir. The Director of Harijan Welfare has issued such instructions.

" (b) The Director apparently felt that a caste appellation would tend to perpetuate the caste system and keep those whom the subsidies are intended to benefit in a separate compartment instead of uplifting them and merging them with the general population as an integral part thereof."

Vikravandi Lower Anicut road

* 1278 Q.—SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to transfer the portion of the Vikravandi Lower Anicut road from Panruti to Sethiathope (miles 110 to 135) to the Highways Department?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A proposal to take over the Vikravandi Lower Anicut Road from mile 109–4–0 to 132–0–0 from the control of the South Arcot District Board, is under the consideration of the Government. The portion of the road beyond mile 132/0 up to mile 142/0 is already under the control of the Government."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" What is the policy underlying this transfer? Will the Government consider the desirability of transferring all the major roads under the control of the district boards to the Highways Department? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The policy of the Government is to take over all the major roads under the control of the district boards. There are roughly 3,000 miles remaining to be taken over and it is proposed to take over only 300 miles this year."

SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI :—" Will the Government be pleased to consider the proposal to construct a causeway on the abovementioned road over the river Panaiyar? "